

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J. Sauer )  
Serial No.: 10/002,181 )  
Filing Date: December 5, 2001 )  
For: Method of Treatment of an )  
Aluminum Surface )  
Group Art Unit: 1733 )  
Examiner: John T. Haran )

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 6, 2004.

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Please amend the application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper.

Applicant makes no claim amendments in this paper. Nevertheless, a complete listing of the claims begins on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.